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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE  
FOR AMBASSADOR AND STAFF

BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR KEN: I KNOW THAT YOU IN THE HOLY LAND WHO HAVE LABORED SO ASSIDUOUSLY IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE ARE PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS. THERE IS IRONY IN THE FACT THAT ISRAEL, THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE SPIRITUAL VALUES OF OUR CIVILIZATION, SHOULD BE THE ARENA IN WHICH THE PURSUIT OF PEACE IS MOST DEMANDING. YOU AND YOUR DEDICATED STAFF HAVE MET THE NEEDS OF OUR DIPLOMACY ENERGETICALLY AND SKILLFULLY ON EACH OF THE NUMEROUS OCCASIONS THE SECRETARY AND MEMBERS OF THIS BUREAU HAVE BEEN IN YOUR MIDST. AS THIS YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE, WE IN NEA WISH FIRST TO REGISTER OUR APPRECIATION OF THE HIGH PROFESSIONALISM YOU HAVE SHOWN, AND SECOND, TO THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROUS HOSPITALITY AND PERSONAL SUPPORT WHICH SUSTAINED US DURING THESE MANY VISITS.

AS I COMMEND THE EMBASSY ON THE EXCELLENCE OF ITS EFFORTS OVER THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS, I SEND YOU AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY STAFF MY BEST WISHES FOR PEACE AND HAPPINESS THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON AND THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR.

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SINCERELY, ALFRED L. ATHERTON, JR. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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